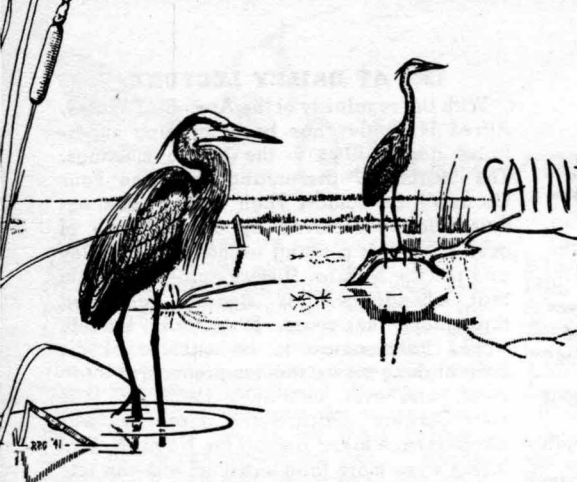




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LOYALTY NIGHT

Thursday, April 27, will mark the return of Cleveland and Ruth Grant on the occasion of **LOYALTY NIGHT**. Their remarkable all-colored film, "From Marsh to Mountain", is awaited by an enthusiastic group that well remembers past Grant offerings. Several days ago each Bird Club Member received 4 tickets to the **LOYALTY NIGHT** lecture. As indicated on the tickets, admission will not be charged as in former years. Instead, contributions to the Educational Lecture Fund have been requested to help defray the cost of the season's program. Recent developments have necessitated this change in policy, and it should not be implied that there is any less need for financial support. It is hoped that the unique but necessary means of fund collecting specified above will be given due consideration with the distribution of each allotment of tickets. "From Marsh to Mountain" offers a spectacular combination of birds and big game. While in northern North Dakota, pictures were obtained of flying White Pelicans, courting Canvas-back, and an intimate study of the nesting of the colorful Holboell's Grebe. To these were added a Gadwall, an Avocet, two Wilson's Phalaropes, an Eastern and an Arkansas Kingbird, and a Pied-billed Grebe, all nesting in the shadow of the nest of a Swainson's Hawk. Winter and summer trips to the Canadian Rockies produced superb big game pictures against inspiring mountain backgrounds. Let this lecture be the opportunity for all members to make **BIRD CLUB LOYALTY NIGHT** exactly what the name implies. Attend with at least three guests. Thursday, April 27, at 8:00 P.M., Soldan High School. Open to the public.

YELLOWSTONE ROMANCE

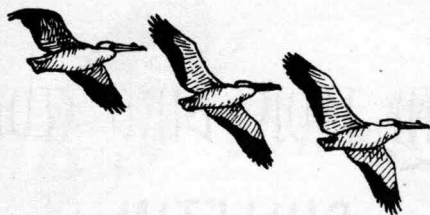
For the third straight season, St. Louis will be treated to an incomparable Maslowski lecture. Before the war, Edna Maslowski and her husband, Karl, as a free-lance photographer, lecturer, and writer, traveled throughout the West making a motion picture



Cleve and Ruth Grant

record of the many facets of nature. Today, Karl is in the U.S. Armed Services. Edna in taking his place on the lecture platform, is carrying on his brilliant lecture work, and is writing many articles for publication. No mean accomplishment, you'll agree. The fact that she is a busy housewife and even busier mother of one-year old Karla has not deterred her from coming to St. Louis on May 16 to bring us "Yellowstone Romance". It is a remarkable film of a remarkable place . . . Yellowstone, revered by the Indian as the dwelling place of spirits, land of waterfalls, hot springs and geysers, of brilliant wild flowers, towering peaks, and sanctuary for everything wild. This is the story of our heritage in the

Rockies. You will see antelope kid gambling on the prairie, beavers gnawing down trees and building dams, a graceful trumpeter swan preening on a mirrored lake, bighorn rams precariously balanced on jutting crags, and a bull moose grazing in the willow flats. This fascinating film is the child of Karl Maslowski's enthusiasm as a photographer-naturalist for portraying the magnificent spectacle that nature offers. Edna has caught that enthusiasm from her husband and will surely pass it on to you, if you attend the last lecture of the series on Tuesday, May 16, at 8 P.M., Soldan High School. It is free and open to the public.



1200 AT BAILEY LECTURE

With the regularity of the April Bird Walks, Alfred M. Bailey has been bringing superlative nature films to the March meetings. The March 27 presentation of "The Four Corners" at Soldan High School was enthusiastically received by an audience of over 1200. It is a fitting tribute to Mr. Bailey and the the Natural History Screen Program that attendance has steadily increased throughout the years. Fitzpatrick, himself, would have cause to be envious of the breathtaking views, the comprehensive treatment, and even continuity found in "The Four Corners". Particularly impressive was the sequence taken among the Navajos. Bird lovers were more than satisfied with the intimate studies of Ptarmigan in the high Rockies, the Broad-tailed Hummingbird, the Western Tanager, and the Plumbeous Vireo. Scenic panoramas of the high Colorado Mountains, the desert in bloom, Mesa Verde National Park, Ship Rock, and Monument Valley . . . all contributed to the flowing chromatic record. Surely, few left the lecture hall without yearning for that Western trip after the war's end.

The Editorial Staff on behalf of the entire Club takes this opportunity to congratulate our capable officers on their re-election. Few realize how much time and energy is required to run our organization. May this brief tribute prevent their jobs from being altogether thankless.

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

Since this is the last issue of the Club Bulletin this spring, we want you to know what is in store for next year as far as lectures are concerned. Already, Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr. has agreed to return to the Club's lecture platform, the date to be sometime next fall. Murl Deusing of the Milwaukee Public Museum has consented to bring his remarkable new bird film to St. Louis on Jan. 31st next. Alfred M. Bailey will return to St. Louis for his fifth consecutive March as a St. Louis Bird Club lecturer. Negotiations are almost completed for the coming of Dr. A. A. Allen to St. Louis in April with his excellent film, "Birds on the Home Front." And to climax the season, the Club will be particularly honored with an appearance at the Club's Annual Meeting of Athos and Sara Menaboni of Dunwoody, Georgia. Athos Menaboni is one of the world's greatest bird artists, and his consenting to come to St. Louis is spreading a great deal of anticipation already on the part of those of us who know and admire his work. Charming Sara Menaboni will make the program an 8-bell double feature. Other lectures are in the making, and all in all, it looks as if we're in for a season of one highlight after another.

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For the second time in the period of one season, the St. Louis Bird Club is losing its Bulletin Editor to the Armed Services. It's been a real pleasure to serve you for this short period, and we hope to be back on the job soon. Your Board of Directors is at its wit's end for replacements. Volunteers from the membership are heartily solicited. If you would like to serve in helping to make the Bulletin possible, by all means call the Club President or Secretary. If a replacement cannot be found, it may be necessary to suspend publication for the duration.

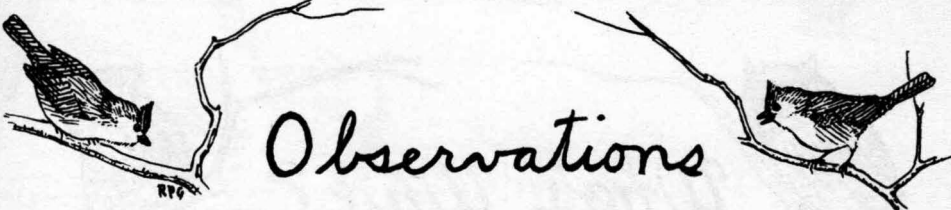
The Club offers for your convenience and pleasure the following items:

1. Club stationery, Great Blue Heron by Dick Grossenheider. This attractive personal stationery is priced at 1c per sheet and 1c per envelope.
2. Club Poster Stamps and Album, 6 drawings by Dick Grossenheider, 25c; autographed album and set of 6 stamps, \$1.00; 24 stamps, 25c; 48 stamps, 50c; 78 stamps, 75c; 102 stamps, \$1.00.

These exquisitely executed drawings are truly a collector's item, and may be obtained so reasonably that we suggest that you use them on your letters to encourage nature interest.

3. Sterling P. Jones' "Migratory and Permanent Resident Birds in the St. Louis Region", a guide to species found in this region, 10c.

The above may be purchased at the lectures or from Helen Einspanier, 1607 Continental Building.



Observations

As we go to press we are able to give an account of only one Bird Walk, the first one on April 2, but what a walk that was! Temperature 32 degrees and 110 shivering bird-watchers on hand. If you could have seen the way certain of the groups went into huddles whenever a semi-windless spot was found, stamping around and blowing on fingers, you'd have said they were "crazy as a loon." But the reward for those "crazy," hardy bird-watchers was just that . . . a loon. Possibly the best find we've ever had on a Bird Walk was the Common Loon that dived and fished in the large lagoon just in front of the Art Museum. The reason we dub it a first-place find is not that the Common Loon is too uncommon as a migrant in this area; it's the amazing fact that it would have the courage to land in a city park. You know, the loon is so constructed physically that it must have a large body of water in order to take off. Were a loon to land on one of the smaller park lagoons it would simply be stuck there. There's a moral to this loon story: It's that Forest Park is a good place to see birds and Bird Walks every Sunday in April starting from Jefferson Memorial at 7:30 A.M. a good time to start. You'll have a chance to see birds such as these, part of the species recorded April 2: Ring-billed Gull, Cooper's Hawk, Wilson's Snipe, Bewick's Wren, Coot, Shrike, Prairie Horned Lark, Greater Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Pied-billed Grebe.

Mrs. O. C. K. Hutchinson of Alton, Illinois, reports that eleven Bald Eagles were observed January 29 along the Illinois River below Hardin, Illinois. Those enjoying this observation were Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury, and Father Link.

Our hearty thanks to the following who have helped lead the Bird Walks in Forest Park: Anne Bayha, Alice Beaman, Beulah Bedell, Mrs. Harry Comfort, Harry Comfort, A. D. DeVilbiss, Mrs. Gertrude Drury, Helen Einspanier, Hattie Ettinger, Marian Freer, Mary C. Griswold, Susan Grummman, Ethel Heuser, R. Ludlow Hill, Mrs. R. V. Hill, Oliver S. Imes, Jimmy Jackson, Norman R. D. Jones, Sterling P. Jones, W. N. Kelley, Billie McCord, Julian Neill, Ken Niewoehner, Mildred Reese, Wayne Short, Ethel Von Hahn, Catherine White, and Ethel Wolfe. The success of the season's Bird Walks depended upon them, and the Club says, "Thank you!" Also a very great help, members of the Southwest High School Bird Club, who volunteered to serve as Assistant leaders: Bernard Dell, George McCue, Ellsworth Moncrieff, Immogene Angle, Gilbert Meier, Raymond Shelly, David Rohde, Bob Bowe, and Charles Wesley.

The Annual Spring Census of the St. Louis Bird Club will take place on Sunday, May 14th, starting from the spot where the Sea Scout Base at Creve Coeur Lake used to be. That's at the foot of the concrete steps that lead from the streetcar stop. The time: 6:30 A.M. until about 9:30 or 10 A.M. Take a Creve Coeur streetcar. Other census will be taken all over the region by various cooperating groups. Last year with the help of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society, Rockwoods Reservation, the Grafton Nature League, the Principia, Father Link's Trailrangers, and others, the total for the day was 177 species. That is a terrifically high figure to shoot at but we're going to try and surpass it.

Horseshoe Lake, Illinois on March 25 was the scene for 16 species of ducks, 2 Horned Grebes, 30 American Golden Plovers. The ducks included 2 Hooded Mergansers, 20 American Mergansers, 6 Red-breasted Mergansers, 1 Buffle-head, 1 Redhead, 2 Blue-winged Teal, and varying numbers of Ring-necked Ducks, Lesser Scaup Ducks, Mallards, Canvas-backs, Gadwalls, Baldpates, Shovelers, Pintails, Ruddy Ducks, and American Golden-eyes.

St. Charles highlights on April 1: 4 White-fronted Geese, 1 field of 300 American Golden Plovers, 3 Long-billed Dowitchers, and 5 American Bitterns.

Marian L. Hundley has given us a good working prescription of how to make an 18 mile military march something more than just a chore. He reported that on January 16, while on such a march from Jefferson Barracks to Moss Hollow, he was able to identify 30 species of birds, although handicapped by the lack of field glasses. Another interesting observation of Marian's was made in early September of last year. He counted 2,293 American Egrets flying south along the Mississippi River between 6:15 and 7:00 P.M.

The Zoo has been receiving many calls about the "ducks" on the Post Dispatch Lake, which has been drained for the last few weeks. What kind of ducks were they? They were Herring and Ring-billed Gulls in all stages of maturity. The big attraction was the fish that had been left stranded when the lake was drained. Our thanks to park officials for giving us a muddy lagoon at Bird Walk time.



Who's Who?



The personnel of the Missouri Conservation Commission, of which Edward K. Love is a member, has recently visited Cape Girardeau, Sikeston, and New Madrid, Missouri. In each town a new chapter was enthusiastically formed. It is the Commission's intention to visit many other districts in the state. We heartily endorse the splendid work being done by this group resulting in bird and natural resource protection to a degree heretofore unknown in Missouri.

Mr. John McGuire gave the convalescent crippled children at the Ranken-Jordan Home the joy of hearing his beautiful bird imitations on Easter Day.

Dr. Pearl Brouwer is the newly elected Secretary of the Milwaukee Audubon Society. She will be long remembered for her magnificent membership work in St. Louis two or three years back. One of the most ardent workers in the Milwaukee Audubon Society is Henry M. Kennon, former Vice-President of the St. Louis Bird Club and now head of the Milwaukee Zoo. These two St. Louisans are now helping to give Milwaukee the same type of lecture program St. Louis has been enjoying.

Please pass this Bulletin on to a friend who might make use of the clipping below.

As our April Bulletin goes to press, we are pleased to record the following additions to and changes in the Bird Club membership: New Sustaining Members: Robert R. Knickmeyer, Mrs. F. V. Young. Changed from Active to Sustaining: Dr. Everett W. Bedell, H. J. Bock, Mrs. F. B. Chamberlain, Harry B. Comfort, Mrs. Gertrude Drury, Edith Glatfelter, Iris G. Hofmeister, O. C. K. Hutchinson, George W. Morgan, J. G. Princell, Mrs. Wm. Scarlett, Max D. Schwarz, Mrs. G. William Senn. New Active Members: Mrs. G. Barron, David F. Bowles, Mrs. Lulu Bruening, Dr. Jerome E. Cook, Mrs. Jerome E. Cook, Linn N. Culbertson, Mrs. Linn N. Culbertson, Ellen M. Dannacher, Dr. Joyce F. Depke, W. S. Ford, Isabel Jokerst, Joseph G. Mittrucker, Stuart O'Byrne, Mrs. R. J. Reeder, Richard Lee Riek, Emilie G. Robson, Grace Schniedermeyer, Mary E. Stephenson, William Weisenfels, Clarence A. Zacher, Jr., Lillian E. Zacher.

Our thanks go to Club Member Mrs. H. H. Quynn, who has secured four new members during March. If each member would do likewise during the month of April, the membership of the St. Louis Bird Club would be more than 3,000 by the end of the month! Send the clipping below to your friend.

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The St. Louis Bird Club, Ethel Wolfe, Secretary
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I want to help present Natural History Screen Programs to St. Louis. Therefore, kindly enroll me as a member of the St. Louis Bird Club in the category checked below. Enclosed please find \$..... to cover the cost of my membership.

Sustaining Membership, \$5.00. A Sustaining Membership enables me to support more substantially the activities of the St. Louis Bird Club, participate in its lecture program, bird walks, and receive the Club Bulletin. It also entitles me to membership in the National Audubon Society and to receive the Audubon Magazine. I understand that a part of my membership fee will be devoted to the cause of conservation on a nationwide scale.

Active Membership, \$1.00. This membership entitles me to participate in all of the activities of the St. Louis Bird Club, its lecture program, bird walks, and receive the Club Bulletin.

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